American Technology in Power Generation

2267. SHRI KAPIL VERMA :
SHRI SOHAN LAL DHUSIYA :
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA :

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to seek American technology in the sphere of power generation, conservation and distribution; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and what is the U.S. response in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) and (b). By and large, the technologies being used in power generation, conservation and distribution all over the world are similar. Indigenous technology is also comparable with foreign technologies. There is no proposal to exclusively induct American technology in power generation, conservation and distribution.

Lemir Alkaline Benzine Project

2268. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have approved the Lemir Alkaline Benzine project to be set up in Andhra Pradesh:

(b) if so, whether Government have permitted the Andhra Pradesh Industrial Development Corporation to set up the project; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Know-how sought by Egyptian drug Companies

2269. SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether Egyptian drug companies have sought Indian know-how; if so, what are the details thereof; and

(b) what steps are being taken to ensure that the drugs involved are in no way banned ones, undesirable or dangerous in order to project a good image of the country abroad; if so, the details in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SNGH) : (a) A five-member delegation comprising of chief executives of Egyptian public sector pharmaceutical companies visited India in October, 1987 at the invitation of State Trading Corporation. However, no specific proposals have so far come from the Egyptian side seeking technical collaboration to manufacture drugs and pharmaceuticals.

(b) Does not arise. Necessary steps in this regard would be considered at the appropriate time.

Nationalisation of Drug Companies

2270. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to nationalise the drug companies keeping in view the steep rise in the prices of essential drugs in the country;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if not, what other fresh initiatives are being taken by Government to ensure that the prices of drugs do not go up ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND